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PETITION FOR WITHDRAWAL OF ABANDONMENT

This is in response to the Notice of Abandonment mailed December 29, 2003.

Applicant submits that a response to the Office Action mailed June 2, 2003 in the subject application was duly mailed to the Patent Office on July 1, 2003 and received by the Patent Office on July 3, 2003.

Attached as exhibit A in support of this petition, is a copy of the Response which was sent to the United States Patent & Trademark Office on July 1, 2003, as indicated in the certificate of mailing.

Attached as exhibit B in support of this petition is a copy of the Post Card sent with the response and returned to applicant's attorneys stamped by the USPTO as received on July 3, 2003.

In view of the submitted facts as supported by exhibits A and B, it is respectfully requested that the Notice of Abandonment be withdrawn and that the examination of the application be allowed to proceed.

It is the understanding of Applicant that no fees will be charged for this petition.

Respectfully submitted,

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